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Clean Spring Water Piped to Village



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A new piped water system fulfills a basic need for residents. Here a young girl collects a glass of drinking water from newly constructed tap in the community of Zamankor in Anaba District of Panjsher Province.

In the rugged mountainous Anaba District of Panjsher Province, most residents live in mud houses and suffer from lack of access to safe drinking water. Residents typically collect water from unprotected springs located far from their homes high in the mountains.

To address this challenge, USAID constructed a new piped water system to bring safe drinking water closer to the residents of Zamankor Village. The new system uses and protects the Koir Spring located near the community. Construction of the system included laying nearly three kilometers of pipe, building a 40 cubic meter water storage tank, and installing 21 community tap stands. The new system provides safe water to more than 2,240 people.

At the inauguration ceremony attended by community members, Panjsher Deputy Governor Abdul Rahman Kabiri thanked USAID and said, "Now that the system has been constructed, it's the responsibility of the community to play a positive role in its long-term maintenance. Maintenance of the project is just as important as its construction."

The Zamankor system is one of many that USAID and the Afghan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development are building in villages across Panjsher Province.

USAID's Afghan Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation project works to increase access to potable water supply and sanitation services in poor communities, decrease the prevalence of water related diseases through household hygiene interventions, and improve the sustainable management of potable water quality and quantity in assisted communities throughout Afghanistan.